

Independence

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



June, 2015

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Programs:

Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony daily at 4:00 p.m.

Twilight Tour - Beginning 6/17 - Daily at 6:00 - Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. *Presented by the Friends of Independence Volunteer Guides.* friendsofindependence.org.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening

Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required 9:00-5:00. Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

Franklin Court

Courtyard.....9:00 – dusk

Program: Dr. Franklin’s Philadelphia (walking tour) – beginning 6/27 - Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 - Printer, father, politician, diplomat, inventor – Benjamin Franklin achieved much in his long and prosperous life. Join a Park Ranger to hear about how his accomplishments shaped his city, his country and the world.

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court.....1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

Declaration House.....beginning 6/27.....tours at 1:30 and 4:00

Program:

Jefferson in Philadelphia - Join a park ranger for a talk about Thomas Jefferson’s life in Philadelphia while he was renting rooms in this house during the summer of 1776. Program is limited to 15 people.

Free Quaker Meeting House..... 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)...open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Todd and Bishop White Houses.....ask at the Visitor Center for times

Other NPS Sites

Deshler-Morris House.....open Saturday.....10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday-Sunday.....Noon-4:00 p.m.

Special Events and Program Descriptions

June 5 – 7 at 2:00

Independence Visitor Center Theater

Independence Hall and the History of Gay Rights in Philadelphia – on July 4th 1965 demonstrators marched across the street from Independence Hall calling attention to the discrimination facing the gay and lesbian community. These protests marked some of the first organized gay rights demonstrations in the United States. Join a Park Ranger for a slide program about the LGBT movement’s roots at Independence Hall. A representative from the William Way LGBT Community Center will be present to answer questions. (1 hour)

June 14 from 9:00-6:00

National Constitution Center and Independence Hall

Flag Day Celebration – Join the National Park Service, the United States Army, the Philadelphia Flag Day Association, the City of Philadelphia and the National Constitution Center to celebrate the birthday of the United States Army and Flag Day. The event begins at the National Constitution Center at 9:00 with a variety of historical and modern army units processing through Independence Mall to a flag raising ceremony in front of Independence Hall at 10:00. Commander-in-Chief George Washington will read the historic proclamation creating the United States Army. After the ceremony visitors can enjoy birthday cake and view exhibits and modern US Army tactical vehicles at locations throughout the Mall.

June 20 - 21 at 3:00

Meet at the arbor in the Franklin Court courtyard

The British Occupation of Philadelphia walking tour - Hear the stories of the officers, the soldiers, and the civilians during the British occupation of Philadelphia from September 1777 to June 1778. Which side would you choose? (1 hour)